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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Arthur A Smith

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 1/30/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Page 5 line 21 is not understood by the Examiner.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 3-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nayar (WO 99/45511), supplied by Applicant.

In reference to claims 1 and 7, Nayar discloses a camera system, the system comprising: a stationary camera, ref. 10, having a wide angle view, page 10 line 8; a remotely controllable camera, ref. 20, having a relatively smaller angle view for providing images in substantially full resolution, page 10 lines 9-13; and a processor, ref. 40, for monitoring the wide angle view of the stationary camera, page 11 lines 19-20, enabling selection of a desired subject within the wide angle view, page 10 lines 26-27 and page 11 lines 21-24, generating an electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject based on the wide angle view of the stationary camera, page 12 lines 9-24, controlling the remotely controllable camera for providing a view that overlaps the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject, page 10 line 28 - page 11 line 2 and

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page 11 lines 27-29, and processing the electronic pan-tilt-zoom view of the desired subject in accordance with the resolution of the remotely controllable camera, page 11 line 27 - page 12 line 1.

In reference to claim 2, Nayar discloses wherein the stationary camera comprises a electronic-pan-tilt-zoom camera, page 12 lines 9-24. This section discusses generally how the translation of the wide angle image disclosed is translated into an image that can be easily discerned by a human being through electronic-pan-tilt-zoom functions.

In reference to claim 3, Nayar discloses wherein the remotely controlled camera comprises a mechanical-pan-tilt-zoom camera, page 10 lines 13-25.

In reference to claim 4, Nayar discloses wherein the processor comprises a computer, ref. 40.

In reference to claims 2 and 9, Nayar discloses wherein the camera system further includes means for displaying the substantially full resolution view of the desired subject, page 11 lines 19-20.

In reference to claims 6 and 8, Nayar discloses wherein the processor includes means for receiving calibration data that defines particular operational characteristics of the stationary and remotely controlled cameras, page 11 lines 27-29 and page 13 lines 5-11.

In reference to claim 10, Nayar discloses wherein the selecting step comprises the step of generating pixel data defining the desired subject within the wide angle view, page 14 line 12 - page 15 line 3.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jouppi (USPN 6346950) and Park et al. (PGPUB 2002/0075258) both disclose systems of using both wide angle low resolution cameras in conjunction with narrow angle high resolution cameras to allow for not only a wider observance of the surrounding area but also to provide some amount of high resolution observance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arthur A Smith whose telephone number is (703) 605 1228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams can be reached on (703) 308 2847. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872 9318 for regular communications and (703) 872 9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0956.



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